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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

THE 12TH ARMY GROUP
COMBAT
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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Boundary between Ninth U S and Second British Armies (effective 122400A): As before to GELDERN A0225 thence along road to RJ A0726 - RJ A0826 - RJ A1027 - ALPEN A1531 (all incl Ninth Army) - BUDERICH A1937 thence to LIPPE River at A2438 thence line of LIPPE River (all incl Second Army).

Boundary between Second British and First Canadian Armies: As before to GRAVE E6153 (incl to First Cdn Army) thence OVER ASSELT E6553 - HEUMEN E6953 - RJ E7054 - CR E7153 (all incl to Second Army) - GROESBEEK E7554 - frontier at E7751 - rail and road junction E8449 - CR E8753 (all incl to First Cdn Army) - RJ E8954 - road and railway crossing E9154 - road at E9255 - stream at E9356 - line of ALTER RHEIN to E9658 - line of KALFLACH River to its confluence with the RHEIN River at E9659 (all incl to Second Army).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (131200A). 4th Division. Attached to the Army Group and commenced movement to Seventh Army area.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 1st French Division. Continued movement to the ALPINE FRONT COMMAND.

SEVENTH ARMY. 3d and 45th Divisions. Attached to XV Corps.

VI Corps. 36th Division. 142d Infantry was relieved by elements of 14th Armored Division and assembled in the vicinity of DUNTZENHEIM Q8512. 14th Armored Division. Assumed responsibility for the 36th Division sector west of HAGUENAU Q0323.

XV Corps. 71st Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ALTWILLER Q4437. Commenced the relief of the 100th Division. 3d Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of ETTING Q5948. 45th Division. Commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of NEUFGRANGE Q5153.

XXI Corps. No change.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (122400A). XIX Corps. 83d Division. Elements of 330th Infantry north of corps left boundary were relieved by the 11th Cavalry Group. 29th Division. 116th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of F1082. 2d Armored Division. Remainder of the division was relieved by elements of the 11th Cavalry Group at 121040A.

XIII Corps. 11th Cavalry Group. Assumed responsibility for the line of the RHINE River from F3095 north to A3002.

XVI Corps. 75th Division. (With 15th Cav Gp atchd). 290th Infantry relieved the 35th Division at 122130A. 15th Cavalry Group maintained outposts and patrols along the road from A2317 to A1733.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. XII Corps. No change.

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VIII Corps. 52d Division. (With 34th Tk Bde and 8th Armd Bde atchd). Was relieved from attachment to II Canadian Corps and was attached to VIII Corps. 8th Armored Brigade was attached to XXX Corps. 34th Tank Brigade reverted to command of II Canadian Corps. 3d Division and 6th Guards Tank Brigade. Were relieved from attachment to II Canadian Corps and attached to VIII Corps. The latter closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of KEVELAIR E9632 - WINNEKENDONK E9934. 11th Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to VIII Corps and placed in Army reserve.

XXX Corps. Guards Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to II Canadian Corps and attached to XXX Corps. 32d Guards Brigade closed in the area E7053 and 5th Guards Armored Brigade in the area E7946. 8th Armored Brigade. Was attached and concentrated in the vicinity of GOCH E9143.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. 4th Canadian Armored Brigade concentrated in the vicinity of TILBURG E1632. The remainder of the division commenced movement to the vicinity of BOXTEL E3234. 3d Canadian Division. Assembled in the FORST REICHSWALD E8551.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (12 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,355 bombers against the SWINEMUNDE Port area L2810 and six marshalling yards in western Germany. 1,315 aircraft dropped 2,719.3 tons of general purpose and 283.7 tons of incendiary bombs on all primary targets, a secondary target and a target of opportunity. 655 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Four aircraft were lost. Claims included five enemy aircraft. 108 fighter aircraft sortied on freelance missions. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 604 bombers against marshalling yards in HAIGER G3338, ARNSBERG D2312, FRANKENBERG G7474 and GESEKE B5338 and other targets.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Scattered clouds at dawn, becoming overcast in the south and broken in the north after 1200A. Visibility: 1 to 3 miles at dawn, becoming 2 to 4 miles by 1100A and 4 to 6 miles by 1300A. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 52° F. Minimum 39° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. Attacked southeast at 0300A against heavy resistance. 80th Division. Attacked at 0300A and advanced one mile east against moderate resistance. Front line change: L2308 - L2508 - L2510 - L2810 - L2512. 94th Division. Attacked at 0300A and advanced one mile east against light to moderate resistance. Front line change: L2714 - L2816 - L2821 - L2822. 3d Cavalry Group. Advanced one mile east against heavy artillery fire. Repulsed a counterattack supported by armor in the vicinity of L3431. Front line change: L2725 - L2927 - L3129 - L3329 - L3431. 10th Armored Division. Advanced eight miles east against scattered resistance. Captured RIEB L5558 and cleared resistance from the north bank of the MOSELLE River to L5567. Combat Command "A" was subsequently relieved by units of the 76th Division and began to assemble in the vicinity of TRIER L2129. The 417th Infantry Regiment reverted to control of the 76th Division. Front line change: L4847 - MOSELLE River - L5558 - L5672.

XII Corps. Encountered scattered resistance as units continued to mop up in the corps area. 76th Division. (With 2d Cav Gp atchd). Followed the advance of Combat Command "A", 10th Armored Division, and mopped up. Units moved east to BENGEL L5257. The 2d Cavalry Group continued to protect the south flank of the corps. 89th Division. Mopped up behind the advance of the 10th Armored Division.

Units moved east to the vicinity BOHR L5570 and FAID L5572. 5th Division. Continued to mop up the area north of the MOSELLE River from KENNIFUS L4865 to FAID L5572. Other units moved to the vicinity of KAIL L6476, L6774 and L7176. 4th Armored Division. The 11th Infantry reverted to the control of the 5th Division. Combat Command "B" closed in the vicinity of GAMLEN L6182.

VIII Corps. 90th Division. Attached to the XII Corps and commenced movement to the corps area. The 359th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of L7581. 11th Armored Division. All remaining pockets of resistance in the division zone have been eliminated. Combat Command "B" closed in the vicinity of WEHR F6202. Brigadier General HOLMES DAGER assumed command of the division. 6th Cavalry Group. Commenced relief of Combat Command "A", 11th Armored Division, along the RHINE River.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. No change.

III Corps. Very rugged terrain and moderate resistance impeded the advance from the bridgehead. Only light artillery fire fell on the crossing area and the bridges were not damaged. 99th Division. Advanced one-half mile east. A counterattack by five tanks supported by infantry was repulsed in the vicinity of F7219; four tanks were destroyed. Front line change: F7218 - F7219. 9th Division. (Less 39th Inf). Attacked at 1900A toward the high ground in the vicinity of F7220 but made slow progress. Combat Command "B" was relieved from attachment at 1800A and reverted to the 9th Armored Division. 78th Division. (With 39th Inf atchd). The 310th Infantry was counterattacked by infantry and tanks at 1840A and was driven back 400 yards in the vicinity of F6923. Other units attacked at 0500A and advanced one-half mile north. Front line change: F6726 - F6827 - F6727 - F6627 - F6528. 9th Armored Division. Armored infantry units attacked and restored the position lost by the 78th Division.

VII Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 106th Division. Commenced movement to ST. QUENTIN N8048. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th 97th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 122400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	63,339	257,725	35,309	8,890	365,263
Non-battle					267,342
Total Casualties					632,605

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group: 71st Division ALTWILLER Q4437; 2d French Division RIBEAUVILLE V6955.

Twenty-First Army Group: I Corps E1530; VIII Corps ISSUM A0927; 43d Division E8840; 95th Division AMELN F0866; 102d Division KREFELD A1703; 3d British Division E9651; 2d Canadian Division E8253; 3d Canadian Division E8449; 4th Canadian Armored Division BOXTEL E3234; Guards Armored Division E7947.

Twelfth Army Group: First Army (Tac) EUSKIRCHEN F3229; 5th Division KAISERSESCH L5781; 76th Division WITTLICH L3954; 80th Division BEURIG L1512; 90th Division POLCH L6989.

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